

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 566
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kem Gardner Hinton for his outstanding contributions to Tennessee architecture.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of the Tennessee General Assembly should honor those exemplary individuals whose intense dedication and hard work have had a significant impact on the architecture of this great state; and

WHEREAS, Kem Gardner Hinton is one such estimable individual who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, the son of Nora and Earl Hinton, Kem Hinton attended Campus School and graduated from Murfreesboro Central High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Kem Hinton received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Tennessee in 1977 and his Masters of Architecture degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981; and

WHEREAS, while working on his Master's Degree, Kem worked for the prestigious Philadelphia architectural firm of Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Kem Hinton returned to Nashville to work as a designer for the well known firm of Gresham, Smith and Partners; and

WHEREAS, Kem and his partner, Seab Tuck, established Tuck-Hinton Architects in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, the result of this meritorious partnership includes several of Tennessee's finest architectural landmarks, including the Tennessee Bicentennial Capitol Mall, the Tennessee Aquarium IMAX Theater, the Cumberland Valley Girl Scout Center, the Bridgestone USA National Headquarters, the Chattanooga Visitors Center, the Tennessee World War II Memorial and the Tennessee State University Campus Center; and

WHEREAS, his stellar architectural achievements earned him election as a Fellow in the highly regarded American Institute of Architecture; and

WHEREAS, Kem Hinton authored an informative and well-received book about the creation of the Tennessee Bicentennial Capitol Mall: *A Long Path: The Search for a Tennessee Bicentennial Landmark*; and

WHEREAS, in his book, Kem Hinton expressed his sincere gratitude to everyone who made this remarkable landmark a reality:

“With deep appreciation to the members of the ninety-eighth and ninety-ninth General Assembly; Governors Ned McWherter and Don Sundquist and members of their cabinets and staff; the members of the Tennessee Building Commission, Tennessee Capitol Commission, and Tennessee Bicentennial Commission; and our client/contacts assistant commissioners Jerry Preston, Bill McDonald and Larry Kirk, project manager Jim Dixey, and state architect Mike Fitts. A special thanks to my partner Seab Tuck, project manager James Kennon, landscape architect Mike Fowler, engineer David Verner, and original master plan teammates Jon Coddington, David Johnson and Charles Warterfield”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinton is a member of numerous professional boards and commissions, including the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the University of Tennessee School of Architecture Advisory Board, the Architectural League of New York and the Nashville Urban Design Forum; and

WHEREAS, Kem Hinton has been a recipient of numerous awards and accolades, even a brief list of which is inspiring: the 1996 Gulf States AIA Honor Award for the Hudson Connery Residence in Nashville, the 1988 National Grand Award by Builder's Choice for the Riverfront Apartments in Nashville, the 1987 Young Architects Award from the Architectural League of New York, the 1989 Tau Sigma Delta Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Tennessee College of Architecture and Planning, and the 1995 First Award from the Metropolitan Nashville Historical Commission's Architectural Awards for the rehabilitation of historic Ball Hall at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable work on the Tennessee Bicentennial Capitol Mall has also earned him several awards, including the 1997 Honor Award from the Gulf States American Institute of Architects, the 1996 National First Award of Excellence from the Associated Builders and Contractors, the 1996 Award of Excellence from the Tennessee Chapter of the AIA, the 1997 Honor Award from Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the 1996 Honor Award from the Greater Nashville Regional Council, the 1997 Metropolitan Nashville Historical Commission's Special Commissioner's Award, the 1996 Award of Honor from the Rebuild Tennessee Infrastructure Coalition and the Outstanding Project of 1996 from the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinton has also been an active participant in several community activities, including the Board of Directors of the Nashville Symphony, the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee and the 1995 Class of Leadership Nashville; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Kem Hinton is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Marilyn Mabry Hinton and their beloved son, Thomas James Hinton; and

WHEREAS, Kem Hinton exemplifies the true spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, few men of his stature walk among us, and it is entirely appropriate that we pause to specially recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Kem Gardner Hinton's outstanding accomplishments in the field of architecture, and offer our sincere thanks for a job well done on the Tennessee Bicentennial Capitol Mall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.